



# FAIRFAX COUNTY

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TO: All Architects, Builders, Contractors, Developers, Engineers and Surveyors  
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SUBJECT: Use of English Measurements on Development Applications, Plats, Plans and  
Studies

The Board of Supervisors, on June 28, 1999, adopted amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia and the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) that allow the use of English units on development applications, plats, plans and studies as an alternative to metric units. Below is a summary of the amendments which became effective July 1, 1999:

- Chapter 101 (Subdivision Ordinance)

The amendment to Section 101-2-3(c) specifies that, as an alternative to being prepared in metric measurements and plan scales, preliminary plats can be prepared using the English equivalent to metric measurements and English plan scales.

The amendment to Section 101-2-4(c)(1) specifies that, as an alternative to being prepared in metric measurements, construction plans can be prepared using the English equivalent to metric measurements.

The amendment to Section 101-2-5(c) specifies that, as an alternative to being prepared in metric measurements and plan scales, final subdivision plats can be prepared using the English equivalent to metric measurements and English plan scales.

- Chapter 112 (Zoning Ordinance)

The amendments to Articles 2, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, and 20 remove the requirement that zoning applications (rezonings, special exceptions, special permits and variances), development plans and PRC plans be submitted in dual units and provide for the use of English units only. The amendments also specify that site plans can be prepared using the English equivalent to metric measurements and English plan scales. In addition, house location plats may be submitted using English units to indicate distances from structures to lot lines. If metric units are used for house location plats, the English equivalent is required to be shown in parentheses.

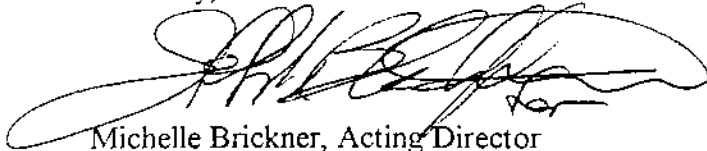
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- Public Facilities Manual (PFM)

The amendments to the PFM add a new Section § 1-0900 (English Measurements), which states that all plats, subdivision plans, site plans and studies may be submitted for review and approval using the English equivalent to metric measurements. The amendments to Sections § 2-0100 and § 2-0200 specify the appropriate English contour intervals and plan scales for plats, subdivision plans and site plans prepared using the English equivalent to metric measurements. In addition, a new Section § 13-0500 (English Conversion Table) provides conversion factors to change metric units to English units.

Questions concerning the subject amendments should be directed to John Lehman, Office of Site Development Services, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at (703) 324-1700. Copies of the amendments are available from the Maps and Publications Center, Suite 156, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Brickner", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Michelle Brickner, Acting Director

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cc: John Wesley White, Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services  
Zofia Zager, Director, Office of Building Code Services, DPWES  
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